

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

February 13th, 2018

Hatton Hall
34 E 7th Street
Tempe, AZ 85281

6:00 PM

Commission Present:

Chuck Buss, Chair
Marty Ball, Vice-Chair
Matthew Bilsbarrow
Chris Garraty
Jim Garrison
Joe Nucci
Scott Solliday

Commission Absent:

Andrea Gregory

City Staff Present:

John Larsen Southard, Historic Preservation Officer
Robbie Aaron
Brenda Abney, Museum Manager
Alex Smith, Community Development Deputy Director

Chair Buss called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Call to Audience: No response
2. Approval of January 09th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Nucci moved the Commission approve the January 09th, 2018 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garrison and passed with a vote of 6-0.

3. Request for Certificate of Appropriateness for landscape improvements at the KIRKLAND-MCKINNEY DITCH, located immediately north of the Tempe Manor apartments at 1403 East 8th Street. The applicant is HighlineUS. (PL180024)
 - a. Staff introduces the project and gives a brief overview of the landscape improvements
 - b. Staff recommends approval of the project subject to the conditions stated in the staff memo
 - c. Neil Calfee provides a brief overview of the project and introduces the Landscape Architect, Kevin Moore
 - d. Mr. Calfee addresses the interpretive element, as well as the potential for trees along 8th Street and the challenges of planting the trees
 - e. Mr. Moore provides an overview of the landscape improvements, including the potential species and gives a more in-depth description of what the interpretive element will entail
 - f. A question about if there are trees outside of easement along the north side of the project
 - i. Mr. Moore states that there are a couple trees outside the easement and that the historic fig trees on the east property line will remain in place
 - g. Question about parking along 8th Street and whether it will change with the streetscape project proposed by the City
 - i. Mr. Calfee states that parking will remain as it is today and that it is not part of their project
 - h. Mr. Calfee states the team will come back before the Commission and provide updates as the project moves forward
 - i. Comment about how lucky the City is to have the benefit of this resource and the ability to maintain the resource while also having a property owner that sees the resource as a benefit to their project

Commissioner Nucci moved the Commission approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the landscaping improvements to the Kirkland-McKinney Ditch property within lots 68, 69, and 70 of the Carlson Park Unit Two plat, as requested as part of case PL180024 (LA PLAZA TOWNHOMES) subject to the conditions set forth in the Staff Recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ball and passed with a vote of 5-0.

4. Charles T. Hayden House (Monti's La Casa Vieja) Update – Harmon Anderson, Hensel Phelps
 - a. Staff provides a brief update of the actions that have taken place since the January meeting including the installation of a knox box, gates were erected, and the removal of wainscoting to reveal adobe.
 - b. Fire Inspector Siebert provided an updated and inspection report stating all items he required were completed by the property owner
 - c. Harmon Anderson states that they are continuing to remove wainscoting to reveal adobe
 - d. Mr. Anderson states that Reggie Mackay will be back to give an appropriate quote on the repair of the adobe with a plan put together by months end
 - e. Main comments were the adobe is overall in good condition that most of the repairs will be due to water damage over the course of time
 - f. Staff states the other experts agree with the sentiment regarding the condition of the adobe
 - g. Question about the parking lot lighting system and the condition of it
 - i. Mr. Anderson states that the timer is not working properly and that he is making the decision whether they stay on during the day or not
 - h. Question about the contract security that is on site and how effective it has been. Mention of police stating that the 10 trespasses over the last 30 days was a positive outlook.
 - i. Mr. Anderson states that the security company makes two random patrols per night and they do their best to make it uncomfortable for people to be there
 - ii. Staff clarifies what police stated about the trespasses
 - iii. A request to receive the statistics for calls for service on the site from the Police Department
5. Presentation: "Relocating the Platform Mound at La Plaza: Recent Archaeological Investigations on ASU's Tempe Campus" – Commissioner Garraty
 - a. Commissioner Garraty provides the commission with a presentation on the investigation and findings on ASU's Tempe campus
6. Introduction of Dr. Alex Smith, Deputy Community Development Department Director – Special Projects
 - a. Staff introduces Dr. Alex Smith to the Commission
 - b. Dr. Smith provides the Commission with a brief background of himself and his vision for Historic Preservation moving forward
 - c. Question about the organizational chart for the Historic Preservation Office moving forward
 - d. Question about the projects that are overseen by Special Projects
7. Chair / Staff Updates
 - a. The Western Canal Multi-Use Path is undergoing archaeology and there have been multiple findings so far with the potential for more sensitive findings in the future
 - b. Awaiting the status of the Part 2 for the Flour Mill from the National Park Service
 - c. Awaiting word on the next steps for the Gonzales-Martinez House lawsuit
 - d. Archaeology at the Tempe Manor (La Plaza Townhomes) will begin this week
 - e. Initial consultation for the 8th Street Streetscape project has been completed with an additional consultation to come soon
 - f. ACS has submitted a Hayden Flour Mill monitoring and discovery plan to ASM
 - g. The Hayden Flour Mill is officially in the Tempe Historic Property Register, effective February 8th, 2018

8. Current Events / Announcements / Future Agenda Items

a. Hayden's Ferry days

- i. Hayden's Ferry Days dinner at Hackett House dinner on Friday, March 2nd
- ii. Walk Through History downtown walking tours on Sunday, March 4th

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

Prepared by: Robbie Aaron